

## HIGHLY-NEUTRALIZED ETHYLENE COPOLYMERS

5 Melt-processable, highly-neutralized ethylene, C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> α,β  
ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid copolymers and process for  
making them. Copolymers are made by incorporating a C<sub>4</sub> to less than a  
C<sub>36</sub> aliphatic, mono-functional organic acid and neutralizing greater than  
90% to 100% of the acid groups present concurrently with or subsequently  
10 to the incorporation of the organic acid.

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